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1. WE BELIEVE VISIT TO OMAN BY NWC SUBGROUP OF 17 WOULD BE FEASIBLE, AND WOULD WELCOME IT. IF GROUP WERE MUCH LARGER, LIMITED FACILITIES IN VARIOUS RESPECTS MIGHT MAKE VISIT IMPRACTICAL.

2. OUR GUESS IS THAT OMANGOV WOULD WELCOME VISIT AND BE GENEROUS IN OFFERING FACILITIES. SAF/SOAF MIGHT BE PREPARED ASSIST WITH GROUND TRANSPORT IN CAPITAL AREA AS WELL AS FLIGHT BY SOAF BAC-111 TO AND FROM SALALAH. (IN OUR OPINION ONE LONG DAY IN DHOFAR SHOULD BE HEART OF ANY NWC PROGRAM HERE. FAILING THIS, THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED VALUE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDING OMAN ON NWC ITINERARY.) TOTAL STAY IN OMAN SHOULD

NOT EXCEED THREE DAYS, ELSE WE WOULD RUN OUT OF PROGRAMING
IDEAS FOR GROUP THIS SIZE. TWO FULL DAYS SUFFICIENT.

3. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GROUP PROBABLY COULD BE ARRANGED
FOR CAPITAL AREA, GIVEN A COUPLE MONTHS' NOTICE, BUT LACK OF
ACCOMMODATIONS IN DHOFAR WOULD PROBABLY NECESSITATE LIMITING
TO ONE LONG DAY EXPOSURE TO THAT PROVINCE.

4. IF SULTAN QABOOS IS IN COUNTRY AT THE TIME, AND DESPITE
DIFFICULTY OFTEN ENCOUNTERED BY THOSE SEEKING AUDIENCES
WITH HIM, I VENTURE A RASH GUESS THAT HE MIGHT AGREE TO RECEIVE
SUCH A GROUP AS NWC SHOULD VISIT MATERIALIZE.
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